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Dear Sir:

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provides documents emanating from a Supplementary European Search Report (SESR) of June 6, 2004. Receipt is acknowledged of the Notice of Allowance of May 6, 2004. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to payment of the issue fee. The Applicant hereby petitions for consideration of these references. The required fee of \$180 accompanies this submission.

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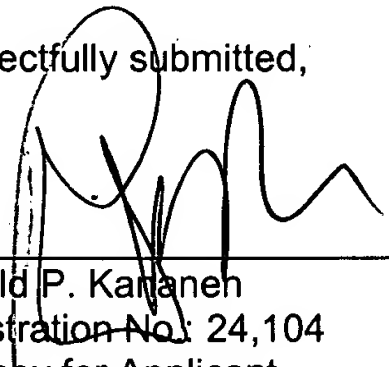
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The remaining documents are stated to be in Category A, (technological background).

It is requested that this petition be granted, the documents fully considered, and that the application continue to proceed to issue based on a forthcoming payment of the issue fee.

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